

USDA Economic Recovery Assistance for Owners of Floodplains Damaged in the Last 10 Years

What assistance is available?

- Acquisition of easements to restore floodplains
- 100% Cost Share for restoration of the floodplain functions and values to natural conditions by establishing vegetative and minimal structural practices needed to control erosion.

Restoration practices may include:

- Conversion of annually tilled land to permanent vegetative cover
- Removal of structures obstructing the proper functioning of the flood plain such as buildings, mill dams, dikes, and fences, including the purchase of flood damaged houses.
- Funding is limited. Applications for assistance will be prioritized based on statewide criteria.

How do I apply?

- Contact a local USDA NRCS or Conservation District office at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/>
- Request an application for assistance form AD1153

When do I apply?

- **Signup ends March 27, 2009**
- Site visits to develop restoration plans and to complete applications will occur by April 3rd.
- Landowner offers for easements must be made by April 27th.
- Easements will be closed by December 3rd, 2009.
- Restoration will be completed by December 30th, 2010.



Are all flood plain owners eligible?

- Must show proof of ownership by providing a copy of the deed
- Business entities must show the entity is legal and valid.
- Must have eligible land which consists of:
 - Lands damaged by flooding at least twice during the last 10 years or at least once during the last 12 months, or
 - Lands that would be inundated or adversely impacted as a result of a dam breach,
 - Other floodplain lands or land that would improve the practical management of the easement.
 - Privately owned land, or land owned by State or Local Government.



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